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## PUSHING THE BOAT OUT

Sailors and spectators alike are looking forward to the 217th Whitstable Regatta taking place this weekend on Tankerton Slopes and in Tankerton Bay.

Stalls and sideshows will line the slopes on Saturday, July 31, and there will be a display of classic boats in the bay.

Saturday's festivities will close with a fireworks show from a vessel offshore and Sunday will see a series of races hosted by Whitstable Yacht Club.

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■ BY IAN READ

**MURDER** suspect Tomas Uptas claimed he has no idea who killed his girlfriend because he had "been drunk most of the time."

Uptas, 32, denies strangling Lorreta Raupienne at their flat in Victoria Road, Canterbury, on November 26 last year, but admits using a replica gun to cause alarm in Morrison's supermarket, Wincheap.

He made headlines last Thursday after refusing to take the stand at Maidstone Crown Court last week because he wanted a cigarette.

Presiding Judge Mr Justice Sir Jeremy Cooke set him a 10am deadline for the following day, telling him the case would continue without the rest of his evidence if need be.

The following day Uptas told the jury he didn't know who killed Lorreta because he had been drunk most of the time. He held a birthday party in the flat they shared, which lasted six days.

Also living at the flat was convicted murderer Donaldas Sliuzas, who has since been extradited back to Lithuania. He had been released on licence after he was given a seven-year sentence for a bar stabbing.

Lithuanian police didn't know he was out of the country until Kent Police made a routine check about him.

Uptas met Lorreta while working at the Hutch Company, Canterbury, and moved in with her. But the couple's excessive drinking led to a series of rows.

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Bar manager Nick Howarth, organiser Gill Keay, and volunteers Bob Crascall and Gerry Keay

# Beer festival a chance to try something new

■ BY FLORENCE TENNENT

REAL ale aficionados and the uninitiated alike headed to Kent's 36th annual beer festival at Merton Farm in Canterbury.

An estimated 6,000 people filled the cowshed over the weekend to sample more than 120 different varieties of British beer, 24 ciders and perries and a selection of foreign lagers.

Gill Keay, helping out at his 25th festival, said: "We have a 2,500 capacity and advance tickets for Friday always go immediately."

"The festival isn't just aimed at seasoned ale drinkers; we've tried to encourage people who wouldn't normally drink bitter by introducing the Pink Girlie Bar.

"At first we had complaints that the name was patronising but it's open for everyone and we've definitely seen results."

The beers are cooled with a cooling system donated by CAMRA, the Campaign for Real Ale.

Mr Keay, said: "John Major was wrong when he praised warm beer; beer should ideally be served at 11 degrees, nicely chilled. Here we serve it straight from the barrel so it should be just right."

Fourteen Kentish businesses brought 47 beers, including offerings from four new breweries.

The coveted Kent Beer of the Festival award went to Westerham's zesty Summer Perle. A tasting panel sampled each of the 47 beers and selected their top nine or 10 before a second panel choose the eventual winner.

Newcomers the Old Dairy Brewery were the first cask to run out as supplies dwindled through the weekend.

Mr Keay, said: "We have to run out. We need to clear the site to let the cows back into the shed."

All of the barrels are given to the festival at cost price, and any profits are donated to CAMRA.

Gill Keay, festival founder and organiser, said: "The original idea for the festival was to get people interested in real beer when there was a danger that suppliers were turning away from it in favour of lagers with a longer shelf life."

"It's an impressive sight, seeing all the different barrels and people start to realise that you don't need gas cylinders and chemicals."

Tony Sze, here for his fourth festival, said: "It's not just about the beer, it's a good day out with a great atmosphere."

In addition to real ale, the festival offered Morris dancing, archery and live music throughout the weekend.

## I lost what I loved, says murder suspect

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He claimed his girlfriend had drunk six bottles of wine in one session.

During one row he kicked a door in and punched a hole in the flat wall.

Uptas claimed the last time he saw Lorreta she was off to pay the rent.

He said: "I didn't go to pay the rent because I didn't want the landlord to see me drunk again."

When she didn't come back he became depressed because he thought she'd left him.

He said: "I lost what I loved."

Uptas said he kept buying beer from a local shop and then decided to take the gun to Morrison's.

Uptas' supermarket rampage was brought to an end when was shot in the arm by a police marksman, after he threatened customers with the ball-bearing firing Browning replica.

He told the court he bought the BB gun to shoot at cans.

The trial continues

## Award for lifeboat's dramatic rescue

A LIFEBOAT crew have received further recognition for their dramatic rescue of a troubled yacht.

The Whitstable Atlantic 75 will be given the Walter and Elizabeth Groombridge Award to mark the crew's performance on Friday, September 4, 2009, when they launched twice in rough seas and force seven winds to rescue a vessel whose skipper had been washed overboard.

The award is given annually to the Atlantic lifeboat crew who have performed the most meritorious service of the year.

## Apprentices help city florist to win award

CONTEMPORARY Flowers, a Canterbury-based florist won Micro-Employer of the year at the National Apprenticeships Awards.

The ceremony on Thursday, July 15, recognised the firm's success in using apprentices to meet the needs of its business and the community it operates in.

Rachel Goldsack, who collected their award, said: "Having apprentices on board has made us more productive; they're always coming up with new ideas."

"We were really pleased to win the regional awards so it was amazing to be chosen nationally."

With the help of its apprentices, the florist has competed several times in the Chelsea Flower Show.

## New theatre top of risk list

THE new Marlowe Theatre has remained the biggest risk to the council in an annual review of its major projects.

The Strategic Risk Register identified six high risks and 13 medium to high risks in a ranking that considered the likelihood of issues arising compared with their forecast financial and social impact.

The New Marlowe theatre was considered very likely to experience problems, having already incurred difficulties.

With the large amount of money tied up in the project, issues could potentially be expensive and damag-

ing, with the potential to "cost the council more than half a million pounds, severely limiting its capabilities and disastrously damaging local and national confidence."

The flagship retained its top billing on the risk list.

The Scrine Foundation was considered the most likely to incur difficulty, but also rated the lowest overall score due to its negligible impact.

The new sport facilities at Herne Bay High School had their risk rating reduced as an agreement was reached between the school, Kent County Council and Canterbury council, but it remains a financial

risk until the outcome of the Sport England bid is known.

The Beane redevelopment was the only increased risk, due to the delays caused by the archaeological finds at the site.

The council also identified areas where it had overspent in the past year, with play area improvements and the open spaces strategy both coming nearly £30,000 over budget. These however were counteracted by under-spends in car parks and IT.

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# Oyster festival 'not hit by herpes outbreak'

■ BY FLORENCE TENNENT

AN OUTBREAK of oyster herpes poses no threat to the Whitstable Oyster festival, experts and organisers agreed.

There had been fears that a containment area restricting the introduction and movement of Pacific rock oysters across the Thames estuary and north Kent coast would affect supplies during the week that Whitstable commences its annual oyster festival.

Kevin Denham, head of the Centre of Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science (Cefas), the fish health inspectorate, said: "The restrictions affect the farming and aquaculture of oysters so oysters bought by members of the public to eat at home don't fall under the controls. There is only one business affected by the controls which moves live oysters from the area."

John Hawkins, arts and events officer for the council, added: "There is one bed in the farm that has limitations on it. The festival was absolutely packed this weekend and that particular virus had no impact on it at all."

Fish health inspectors from Cefas visited Seasalter Shellfish farm in Whitstable last week following reports of high levels of mortality in one of their oyster beds.

Samples taken from the site were confirmed as positive for herpesvirus, completely harmless for humans but devastating to oysters.

Mr Denham said: "We are testing other samples from the area. There are no other suspect-



**CELEBRATION OF SEA:** Whitstable's traditional oyster festival will not be hit by the virus, experts have confirmed

ed cases for the moment but we are required to inspect sites which have come into contact with the bay area. Controls will remain in place until there is no threat from the infected area, but the mortality is still ongoing on the farm."

While the festival does rely heavily on rock oysters, it is very unlikely that infected oysters would survive long enough to be sold alive, as oysters must be.

Mr Denham said: "The issue is more to do with the viability of the business; the problem for the farmer is that he has lost between 60

and 80 per cent of his stock, juvenile oysters ongoing for two to three years before they're harvestable, and were he to introduce more stock the probability is that they would become infected too."

Seasalter Shellfish managing director John Bayes said the outbreak was yet another blow to an industry that is already suffering.

He added: "The fact the oysters are dying is very serious indeed because there's already a massive mortality rate among them and a shortage worldwide."

## Disabled mother and son rescued

A DISABLED woman and her son were rescued from their flat in Honeywood Close, Canterbury after their kitchen caught light.

Four engines were sent just after 10pm on Saturday, July 24, after the mother, n her 50s, called emergency services.

She had noticed the fire but was unable to escape or wake her son because of her disability.

Crews wearing breathing apparatus entered the smoke-logged building and carried the woman and her son to safety.

Both were treated with oxygen for smoke inhalation while the blaze was extinguished and the smoke cleared.

The fire started when the son, believed to be in his 20s, was cooking and fell asleep, causing the food to catch light.

Dave Nolan, Whitstable Watch manager, said: "This incident highlights two really important messages.

"Firstly, have a smoke alarm fitted. They can buy you time to escape."

"Second, the most vulnerable members of our community, such as those with health and mobility issues, are most at risk of dying in a house fire.

"We need neighbours and family to be aware of the signs that can lead to a fire in their homes."

## £500,000 gift to theatre

FUNDRAISING for the new Marlowe Theatre received a helping hand with a £500,000 donation from a national trust.

The Monument Trust, a Sainsbury Family charitable trust, supports causes driven by imaginative ideas and exceptional talent and nurtures innovation.

Peter Williams, chairman of the New Marlowe Theatre Development Trust, said: "This grant is most timely and brings an enormous boost to the campaign as it strives to raise the remaining £1.75 million required to complete funding for the project."

## Stolen baby bag held vital medical notes

A BABY changing bag stolen in Sainsburys contained the infant's medical notes.

Police are appealing for information following the theft of the bag at Sainsbury's in Kingsmead Road, Canterbury, between 1.30pm and 3.45pm on Wednesday, July 21.

The bag had been hung on the back of a buggy and may have been stolen while the mother stopped for a cup of coffee.

The baby has suffered from meningitis and the notes are key to tracking the child's progress.

Anyone who can help should call police on 01622 690690 quoting reference EY/011327/10, or call Kent CrimeStoppers on 0800 555111.

## Fishermen call for emergency quota

FISHERMEN from Whitstable are taking their desperate plight to Westminster.

Philip Edwards and John Nicholls, spokesmen for Whitstable Fisherman's Association, will accompany Julian Brazier tomorrow to meet Fisheries minister Richard Benyon in a bid to secure emergency quotas for their fleets.

The under-10m fleet have already filled their allowance for sole and skate and risk losing their business if temporary extensions aren't granted.



## Plans to expand student village on brownfield site

PARHAM Road 'student village' is set to double its capacity if planning permission is granted for a new brownfields project.

A planning application to create additional student accommodation at Shillings Yard, a brownfield site within the student village, has been submitted to the council this week on behalf of Pavilion Property Group.

Parham Road provides purpose-built accommodation for more than 600 students, in a mixture of houses and flats, with on-site welfare and day and night security staff.

Pavilion proposes to build five new accommodation blocks around a central courtyard on the Shillings Yard site to create 309 additional bed spaces. The plans also include a management office and conference centre as well as welfare facilities.

Earlier this year, Canterbury coun-

cil granted planning consent for student accommodation on Ling's Scrap Yard, also within the student village, creating an additional 330-bed-spaces; the two proposals together doubling the capacity of the site.

The student village has proved to be a popular choice with students and universities, enabling significant economies of scale and the opportunity to share running costs.

Paul Roberts, on behalf of Pavilion said: "The student village is a safe, quiet neighbourhood, designed for students."

"Canterbury badly needs additional student accommodation and we believe that building on brownfield sites within the student village is a much better solution than taking up prime development sites in or around the city centre."

If planning consent is given, work is due to start on site during 2011.

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# Parking meters are destroying Herne Bay trade

■ BY FLORENCE TENNENT

PARKING meters along Herne Bay sea front have already had a detrimental effect, according to traders.

The meters charge 60p per hour between 8:30am and 6pm, with a maximum stay of only two hours.

While some residents may have welcomed the idea of regulating the parking along the Central Parade, many people have expressed shock at the short time limit.

Michael Pearce, co-proprietor of Pebbles Reach guesthouse, said: "Two hours just isn't long enough, it's crazy. We're trying to sort out permits at the moment, but obviously the costs will pass on to the customers. Without the permits guests have to get up at 8:30 in the morning and start feeding the meters."

It isn't just visitors who are being kept away by the restrictions.

Mr Pearce, said: "I've noticed the effects most with local people, particularly the older generation, who live on the edges of town. They want to come down and walk their dog and meet their friends, but they're not prepared to pay, it's been much quieter."

"Herne Bay has always been free parking on the seafront. There's nowhere to park now for local people."

Businesses in the town have also seen changes.

Scott Turner, office manager for Cain's Amusements, said: "From a business point of view it's the first time that we can remember seeing empty spaces on a Sunday. Usually we only see that in the depths of winter."

"We have heard from customers that where they would have stayed for a longer duration they're now staying for a couple of hours. Some of the people who would have come down to enjoy themselves for the day are not staying as long."



**MAXIMUM STAY:** A sign spells out the restrictions on parking at Central Parade, Herne Bay

Roanna Thetford, who works at Le Petit Poisson, said: "Customers have mentioned that it's not convenient. as two hours isn't really enough for a meal."

"The general consensus is that if they're paying, they should be able to pay for as long as they want to stay"

Canterbury council was unavailable for comment, but an agenda from a meeting in January showed they had received at least 22 letters of objection to early proposals from residents, visitors and traders.

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## Surgeon's Iron Man bid

A CANTERBURY surgeon flew to Switzerland to compete in the Iron Man Triathlon on Sunday.

The course at Zurich was made up of a 2.4 mile swim, 112 miles of cycling and a 26.2 mile marathon, 140.6 gruelling miles in total. An orthopaedic surgeon at The Chaucer Hospital in Canterbury, Andrew Smith had to fit training in between shifts.

Andrew, 42, from Herne Bay, said: "I've been training for about four months, up to 15 hours a week, six days a week."

He has channelled his passion for his hobby into helping raise awareness for the Margate-based QEQM Hospital League of Friends.

Andrew helped raise £1,600 in April when he and three others completed the Paris marathon. For this contest he hoped to beat his own Iron Man record of 13 hours and 39 minutes.

## A2 suicide bid prevented

A LEVEL-HEADED police officer stopped a suicidal man jumping from a bridge on to the busy A2 just outside of Canterbury.

Police were called to the flyover on Stuppington Lane at 6:15am on Friday, July 16 where a man was threatening to leap.

PC Gemma Sherwin spoke to him while her colleagues slowed the traffic below and after 15 minutes he came down.

Police Inspector Michelle Whitehead said: "The patrol involved acted quickly and as a team. They managed to achieve the best possible outcome."

## Grass fire reports down

KENT Fire & Rescue Service is reporting fewer grass fires in the Canterbury area compared to this month last year.

Despite the hot and dry weather there have been only 15 reported incidents of grass, woodland or countryside fires so far this July, with 18 last year.

This follows a warning issued by the department after a huge fire ravaged three acres of woodlands near Wildwood Trust animal park in June. Grass fires can be started deliberately or carelessly and while the most common cause is children playing with matches, discarded cigarettes are often to blame.



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## Honorary degree for local lad Bob

BOB Geldof visited the University for the Creative Arts in Canterbury to receive an honorary Master of Arts degree.

The Live Aid organiser collected his certificate at the graduation ceremony in King's College's Shirley Hall last Thursday, July 22.

Dianne Taylor, Pro Vice-Chancellor and Executive Dean, said: "The students were in awe of him and were truly inspired by his music career, his humanitarian efforts and the influence he's had around the world."

Bob Geldof, KBE, said: "I live up the road, so to be recognised by a local university, in the region that I love, adds even greater significance for me."

Other honorary degrees were awarded to Vogue editor Alexandra Shulman, filmmaker Parminder Vir, ceramicist Edmund de Waal and industrial designer Pradyumna Vyas.







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# Hornets a big threat to honey bees

■ BY MARIJKE COX

**KILLER** hornets from across the Channel could be driving honey bees from their hives.

The giant insects – around four times the size of the British bee – are believed to be travelling from France and forcing the honey bee from its home.

In scenes more likely to be seen in a horror film, the hornets hover in front of a hive, picking off their victims before ripping off the heads, wings and legs and feeding the body to their young.

The rest of the colony is then weakened, leaving the hornets free to loot the hive.

Although bee-lovers warned of their potential arrival to the UK just months ago, wildlife expert Kerry King, from Hythe, believes they may have already arrived.

"There's a hive in Sandling Park which has had honey bees for ten years, but in February



**PREDATOR:** Hornets from France could damage honey bees

they suddenly left," he said. "Pesticides aren't used there so it couldn't be that, and the bees disappeared so suddenly.

"It wouldn't be hard for these hornets to come over from France. If there is a change in wind direction they could be swept across – it's only 21 miles. They could even come across on



**HANDFUL:** The foreign hornets have a three-inch wingspan

the ferries." This new predator, which is two inches long with a three-inch wingspan, is the Asian hornet, or *vespa velutina nigrithorax*, first seen in France in 2004.

The species is thought to have arrived in Bordeaux from China in a consignment of pottery designed for horticultural trade.

In 2007, apiaries in France began to see up to 70 per cent losses in bee colonies and it was soon discovered the monster insects, in groups of up to 50, had been on a killing spree.

One hornet can kill up to 40 honey bees in a minute – a group of them up to 30,000 in a few hours.

Mr King said: "There are three things going against honey bees; pesticides, parasites and these hornets. It's going to have a detrimental effect on our economy if there are no honey bees to carry out pollination."

A third of foodstuffs are dependant on pollination by honey bees, which also provide more than 50 per cent of the pollination of wild plants that other wildlife depends on.

While Asian bees have evolved to cope with the attacks, where some 500 bees will mob the hornet causing it to overheat, the European honey bee is unlikely to survive.

Three months ago experts from honey health specialist Vita said the hornet threat to bees was spreading rapidly through France and would soon be in the UK.

## Flooded pits danger plea

SWIMMING in flooded gravel pits is causing concern for Canterbury police as the hot weather lures people into the water.

Landowners are also concerned that many are unaware of the risks of swimming in flooded gravel and ballast pits and other industrial sites.

Dangers include hidden quicksand, deep water, steep slopes, sudden cold temperatures and discarded machinery.

PC Andy Taylor said: "I've received reports of people swimming in these lakes. I know it's tempting to take a dip to cool down, but please avoid these pits – there are many hidden dangers and you may also be trespassing."

## Cruiser towed to Bay after engine failure

AN RNLI rescue boat was launched to assist a yacht whose engine had failed.

The 25ft motor-cruiser broke down with fuel problems between Bishopstone and Reculver on Thursday.

Whitstable lifeboat towed the struggling vessel and its lone occupant into Herne Bay harbour. It was the Whitstable crew's 42nd callout so far this year.

## Charities' auction boost

LOST property handed in to the police has raised funds for three Kent-based charities.

Kent Police auction any unclaimed goods after a set period and distribute the proceeds once a year to charitable and community projects. This year they presented cheques of £400 to three deserving causes. City of Canterbury Swimming Club is putting the money towards new pool equipment.

Dyslexia East Kent Support, a local support group, is investing in assessment software for their drop-in centre. And Kent Kids Miles of Smiles, which offers holidays for sick and disabled children, will be spending the money on a new sensory room.

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## QUESTION & ANSWER

### LOIS GADD



#### Q What is your role at the brewery?

**A** Officially, I am company secretary and a director. In reality, I do all the jobs that aren't anything to do with the brewing side of the business. My daily tasks are book-keeping, ringing round for orders and preparing delivery runs. I am also responsible for paperwork.

#### Q Where is the brewery based?

**A** In a small unit on Pysons Road industrial estate. I normally enjoy a morning ride across the fields to get to work.

#### Q What is your favorite tipple and why?

**A** Gadd's No 3 because it's a beer I can enjoy at the end of the day with my husband Eddie over dinner, when the children are finally in bed. If I'm feeling nostalgic, I'll have a Dogbolter and be transported back to the Flounder And Firkin in Holloway Road, Islington, where Eddie and I met.

#### Q Does location inspire your beer in any way?

**A** East Kent has definitely influenced the beers. Many have nautical themes and the summer seasonals are brewed to be drunk beside the seaside. The beers are Eddie's as he has the ideas and develops recipes, but I know

he's proud of Thanet, and our brewery is named after the town in which it was born.

#### Q Why do you think people should have a pint of Gadd's rather than other beers?

**A** Beer is like food in that you can taste the effort, care and attention that went into making a good pint. Staff at the brewery are passionate and dedicated to producing quality ale. With our wide selection, chances are you can find something that tickles your taste buds. The next reason I would hope people would drink our beers is the local angle. We use Kent hops, supporting the local economy.

#### Q You've won so many awards, is it still an honour?

**A** Always, as it's recognition of the quality we strive for. As most of our beer is sold directly to pubs, we don't get a lot of contact with drinkers, so awards involving public voting are particularly valued. The brewing industry is growing in Kent, so there'll be stiff competition in future – it's not a time to rest on our laurels.

#### Q What's the secret to producing good beer?

**A** You'd have to ask Eddie – I just enjoy the fruits of his labour – but he assures me a good deal of sampling of the beer, in a pub, is imperative.

#### Q Where do you source your ingredients?

**A** About 95 per cent of our hops are grown in Kent, either at Brooke Farm, Wingham, or near Canterbury. Malt is grown and malted in Wiltshire, but we're hoping to have a local farmer grow the barley, starting later this year. The water is from Thanet.

#### Q What can we expect in the coming years?

**A** More weird and wonderful brews, I hope. Eddie is the driving force on where we go next. I'm the boring one doing the paperwork and telling him how much he can spend.

#### Q What do you enjoy most about your job?

**A** The many compliments we receive from people who have tried and liked our beer.

#### Q What interests do you have away from work?

**A** We have two children, Summer, nine, and Stanley, five, who tie up a lot of my spare time. I help to run the Ramsgate branch of Woodcraft Folk, a national organisation that, in its own words, is "an educational movement for children and young people which aims to develop self-confidence and activity in society, with the aim of building a world based on equality, friendship, peace and cooperation".

Q&A

Lois Gadd of the award-winning Ramsgate Brewery talks to **Tom Betts** about the secret of good ale, why sampling the beer in a pub is essential and why the brewery's Gadd's No 3 is her favourite tipple

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## Gardener Chas to rock Strode Park

CHAS Hodges, of Chas and Dave fame, will be performing a charity gig at Strode Park, Herne Bay.

The veteran rocker will be playing on Saturday, August 28, as part of this year's Theatre in the Park.

The new date on his Rock, Rabbit & Roll tour coincides with the release of his second book, Chas and His Rock 'n' Roll Allotment, a lighthearted guide for aspiring kitchen-gardeners.

Chas's gig is one of a series of events hosted during the summer by the Strode Park Foundation for Disabled People.

Set in the grounds of Strode Park House the theatre is run by volunteers and profits are donated to the charity.



**ROCKER:** Chas

## Selfless business wins social award

A HERNE BAY company has been praised for its selfless principles.

Enterprising Opportunity was awarded the Social Enterprise Mark.

A social enterprise is a business whose main aim is to contribute to society or the environment rather than make money for themselves or their shareholders.

In order to achieve the accreditation companies must prove that they reinvest at least 50 per cent of their profits into helping society and are actively achieving their objectives.

Enterprising Opportunity was developed by the charity Kent Enterprise Trust to nurture employment and training opportunities.

# Historic Regatta hopes to break world record

■ BY FLORENCE TENNENT

WHITSTABLE'S 217th Regatta takes place on Tankerton Slopes and in Tankerton Bay this weekend.

The Lord Mayor of Canterbury will open the festivities on Saturday, July 31, assisted by the Whitstable Carnival Queen and her court.

The day will include a display of classic boats and close with fireworks from an offshore vessel.

Sunday will see a series of races hosted by Whitstable Yacht Club.

There is the Regatta Dog Show and a flying display by a World War 2 Supermarine Spitfire MK XI, the only one in the world to be still flying with its original 1944 Merlin engine.

There will be demonstrations from the Royal National Lifeboat Institution and the East Kent Historical Organisation will be re-enacting Viking raids and medieval tournaments.

A highlight of the weekend will be the re-introduction of the historic Greasy Pole contest. Last held 10 years ago, the event required brave competitors to swim out to a boat, climb aboard and attempt to walk sideways along a greased pole to knock the flag off the end.

Mike Shaw, chairman of the Regatta, said: "In the early days the whole bay was full of boats. I want to try to bring them back in greater numbers and bring a bit of history back as well."



The first reported Regatta was on Tuesday, August 7, 1792, and has been held every year since, with the exception of during the World Wars. An application to be recognised as the oldest regatta in the UK is currently under review by the Guinness Book of Records.

Mike Shaw said: "As far as I'm aware it is the oldest regatta anywhere. The nearest I can find was in Dartford 30 years later."

The weekend is co-organised by Whitstable Yacht Club and Whitstable and Herne Bay Lions, a voluntary organisation dedicated to helping the community and serving humanity.



**FUN FOR ALL:** Visitors young and old enjoy the Regatta which this year heralds the return of the Greasy Pole




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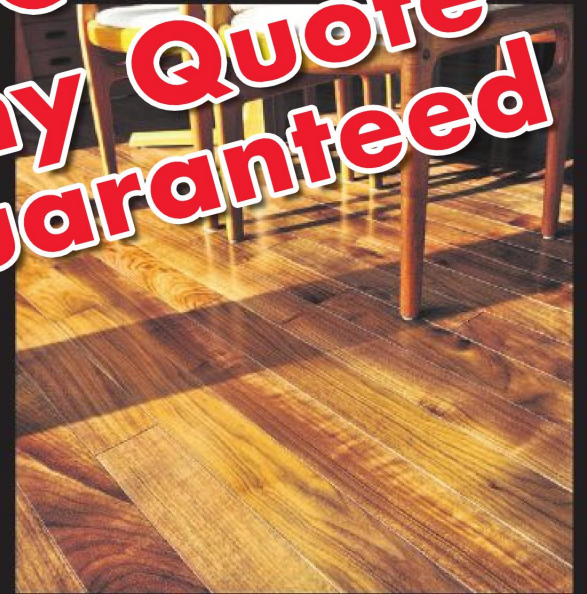
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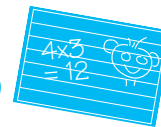
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## BREAK TIME

### Rocket Garden girls are top of the crop

SIMON Langton Grammar girls have been digging deep to nurture miniature vegetable gardens.



Teacher Melissa Challis said: "Through BT's Rocket Garden vegetable box scheme we took delivery of lots of little plants of beetroot, lettuce, tomatoes and beans, to name a few. Fellow teachers were able to tell us where and how to plant our vegetables."

"The girls have a watering rota and are looking forward to a bumper crop."

BT donated Rocket Garden vegetable boxes to the year nine pupils as part of the telecoms company's campaign to get 37,000 schools growing their own fruit, veg and herbs by 2012.

### Long's show delight

A ROYAL Academy exhibition will feature artwork by a Canterbury Christ Church University lecturer.

Tim Long's work has been picked to appear in the institution's summer exhibition, the world's largest open submission modern art show.

Mr Long said: "I'm delighted to have two works included. It's a considerable achievement to be a part of an exhibition of such international standing."

The exhibition, which has been running every summer for 242 years, displays paintings, sculpture, photography, prints, architecture and film from emerging and established artists. The show, at the Royal Academy of Arts, Piccadilly, London, lasts until August 22.

# Generating interest with £15m solar panel scheme

■ BY TOM BETTS

SCHOOLS in the Canterbury district are being invited to apply for British Gas's latest energy scheme.

The company is looking to give away £15 million of solar panels to schools – and install the technology for free.

The company will donate the panels – worth between £20,000 and £40,000 per school – in up to 750 schools across the UK.

A spokesman said: "Each school will be able to generate its own free, green electricity, cutting as much as 20 per cent from its annual electricity bill."

"The energy produced by the panels is anticipated to create around £1.3m per year for the next 25 years."

## Emissions

"This will be reinvested in installing solar panels at yet more schools. This means that, in the next five years alone, British Gas could install free solar panels at 1,100 schools."

The panels will help the selected schools to meet their carbon reduction targets, reducing emissions by up to 1,400 tonnes per year, equivalent to taking 400 cars off the road.

The schools receiving solar panels will also get a British Gas 'smart meter', offering real-time information so pupils can see the difference their solar panels are making.

Special Generation Green lesson plans will help teachers engage pupils in learning about renewable energy, and schools will be able to track their performance against others online.



**FOLLOW THE SUN:** Cheaper energy bills and lower emissions are among the benefits of solar panels for schools

Schools can register for an application form at [www.generationgreen.co.uk](http://www.generationgreen.co.uk).

Phil Bentley, managing director at British Gas, said: "This is the biggest investment of its kind in solar technology for our nation's schools, which will help them cut both their carbon emissions and electricity bills – as well

as learn about renewable energy in a hands-on way. The electricity generated by these schools will help pay for the scheme to be extended across the country, which is great news for school leaders, parents and pupils who are all looking for ways to save money during these tough economic times."

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## Worries grow for missing teen Meryl

POLICE are appealing for information about a missing Canterbury teenager.



MISSING: Meryl

Meryl Turner-Maynard, 18, was last seen at her Gas Street home last Wednesday, July 21, at 1.30pm.

Insp Gordon Etheridge said: "We are worried about Meryl's disappearance. She has learning difficulties and is therefore vulnerable so we have concerns for her welfare."

Meryl is 5ft 5ins tall and is of slim build. She has light brown, collar-length hair and blue eyes. When she was last seen she was wearing black jeggings, a grey vest top and white flat shoes or grey plimsolls.

Anyone who can help is urged to contact Kent Police on 01622 690690.

## Goddess festival was away with the fairies

FAIRIES of all ages gathered at the Westgate Hall for the Magical Goddess festival, a celebration of fairy, wicca and pagan beliefs.

Proceedings opened with a Faery Ball on Friday night, as bands Serpentyne and Inkkubus lead revellers in ancient country dances.



FAIRY FOLK: Goddess Festival

Giants, fairies, belly-dancers, Morris men and pagan drummers paraded through Canterbury on the Saturday morning.

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## YOUR LETTERS



### Our sick society and guns are a lethal mix

Derek Packham calls for the relaxation of gun laws (Yourblogger, July 14). This would be an egregious folly. Much of the UK's population is afflicted with conditions affecting mental health.

The causes of this are extremely complex and varied. Urban overcrowding, family breakdown, years of sub-standard education, youth unemployment and a media culture of violence are just a small selection of problems contributing towards the disintegration of our nation's psychological well-being.

If, through a misconceived liberalisation of the law, firearms become easier to obtain, more mentally unstable people will have instant access to deadly weapons.

All it takes is for a switch to flick from sane to insane in these citizens' troubled brains, as happened with Derrick Bird and Raoul Moat, and they'll be reaching for the guns they legally possess and store in their homes so they can inflict bloody retribution on whoever they psychotically perceive are the architects of their misfortune.

Sick societies and guns simply don't mix, as the USA and Britain are discovering with a terrible cost to innocent human life.

I would also like to add that the argument that homeowners need firearms for protection and that they are a good deterrent against violent intruders is an unsubstantiated myth perpetuated by the gun manufacturers and their vociferous, influential lobby groups.

Clive Wilkins-Oppler, Canterbury

### Challenging choice to debate decisions

New government legislation designed to give concerned local residents the right to trigger a debate at a council meeting has been kicked into the long grass by Canterbury council, which says it will not respond to petitions unless they contain a whopping 3,000 signatures.

The Government recently told councils they must make provision so that a public petition with a significant number of signatures can be heard at a council meeting, and



## yourblogger

Gary Wright asks if it will make any difference should public-sector employees strike over cuts



I WASN'T shocked to learn that union activists at local councils are threatening strike action to show their anger as the cuts in public spending become clear.

After years of retiring at 60 and being assured of a job for life, all at the ratepayers' expense (yes, I know it's 'council-taxpayers', but we all understand 'ratepayers'), suddenly our council chums have to account for how they are spending our cash.

So, batten down the hatches and prepare for them to demonstrate their outrage outside your town hall next year. But what are they protesting about exactly?

Well, in a nutshell they're a bit cross that those people who have worked in the private sector all their lives will no longer be relied upon to fork out – getting on for a couple of grand a month – for the privilege of having their bins emptied every couple of weeks.

Planning applications have fallen dramatically since the credit squeeze, so I expect borough and district planning departments to be shedding jobs by the dozen. No point striking – that's not going to make more people build extensions.

Finance departments might think they're pretty safe as careful management of what little cash they have will be a vital skill. Remember how KCC managed to 'invest' £50 million of our money in an Icelandic bank.

Then they lost in the crash because someone was on holiday and missed a warning email... or something.

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a 15-minute debate can then take place so the petitioners can get a response from the council (currently in Canterbury residents get just three minutes to speak when delivering a petition to the city council, but get no response from councillors).

Most councils in Kent have set the number of signatures needed to at 1000, even though government guidelines recommend a reasonable figure would be about 1,500.

But at last week's council meeting Canterbury's Tory councillors voted to set the threshold in the district at 3,000 – the highest in the county.

I moved for an amendment asking the figure be reduced to 1,000 (or even less), but all the Conservative councillors followed the requirement of council leader John Gilbey that the figure be higher.

Is it that the Conservatives don't want to listen and respond to local residents concerns? Or they don't feel they need to respond to local residents? Or are they just frightened to hear what residents have to say about the council's plans?

By setting the threshold unrealistically high Cllr Gilbey has just confirmed that he and his party don't want Canterbury council to listen to local people.

Canterbury is now officially and provably the least accessible council in Kent. The threshold of 1,000 we proposed is quite high and is actually almost twice as many people as voted for John Gilbey at the last council elections.

Only two petitions in the last 20 years – against Cllr Gilbey's plans

to close local museums, and his plans to close the coastal visitor information centres – have even come close to achieving the threshold now required by the city council to trigger a debate.

Alex Perkins, Canterbury Liberal Democrats

### Let free train take strain for over-60s

Kent Green Party believes that free bus travel for the over-60s in England and Wales should be extended to cover rail travel too.

In areas outside the larger cities bus travel options in the evenings and on Sundays are either limited or completely unavailable.

Meanwhile, train services more commonly run throughout the evenings and on Sundays, and for many public transport users represent the only way to get around.

As an experiment we recommend an initial trial in the South East of the UK where evening train services are comprehensive and where a further reduction of road traffic would be an environmental benefit.

We accept that an annual charge of perhaps £12.50 per annum would be needed to cover administrative costs and to discourage applicants who would hardly use it.

This proposal would remove many reluctant drivers from the roads, reducing pressure on the roads and improving air quality and cutting greenhouse gas emissions.

Ian McDonald, transport campaigns officer for Kent Green Party

### Of bogus arguments and vested interests

The National Housing Federation representative's letter and Dr Susan Jebb's institutionalised approach to obesity reminds me how completely millions are conditioned to accept bogus arguments from vested interests.

Many pseudo-service industries wouldn't exist without the populations they rely on for income.

Dr Jebb fails to mention trans-fats, the artery-clogging ingredient used by food manufacturers, or how Nordic walking, speed walking, tai chi and other vigorous outdoor activities need no NHS or private weight-loss profit-takers to supervise. My objection is the condescending, self-protective priority to control and use budgets raised from the public.

There are many better solutions than Dr Jebb's one-dimensional business proposition or the endless benefits drain that has demoralised and infantilised housing benefit recipients at our expense.

Rita Grootendorst, by email

### Tooth loss common in diabetic sufferers

A shocking new study suggests that males with type 2 diabetes are twice more likely to suffer from tooth loss than those without the illness.

The 20-year study was presented

at the International Association of Dental Research conference held in Barcelona last week.

It followed more than 38,000 males from 1986-2006, to examine connections between diabetes and tooth loss or gum disease.

The study was carried out in Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, USA and was presented by one of the four authors M Jimenez at the conference.

At the beginning of the trial all the participants had all their own teeth and were showing no signs of periodontitis (an advanced stage of gum disease).

Over the course of the study 11,478 new cases of tooth loss were reported by the participants, and 3,589 new cases of periodontitis.

Eliminating other risk factors for gum disease such as age, race, smoking habits, BMI, alcohol consumption, physical activity and fruit and vegetable intake were taken into consideration, but type 2 diabetes was found to be the common factor which increased tooth loss by half.

These results are quite shocking, although we have known for many years that diabetics are more likely to suffer from gum disease, the extent of the increase in such a large study is surprising.

Recent studies have also shown a potential link between the presence of gum disease and development of diabetes so this is a particularly interesting area. Numerous studies in the past have shown a link between oral health and other serious illnesses such as cardiovascular disease, stroke and arthritis, and this study highlights again the importance of looking after our teeth properly. It isn't just about having a nice smile; it is about overall body health too.

Diet was also found to be a contributing factor to the increased gum disease. Men with diabetes whose total fruit and vegetable intake was below average were twice as likely to report periodontitis compared to men with the same fruit and vegetable intake, but without diabetes.

The Foundation emphasises good oral health care and preventive dentistry as the best way to keep your teeth for life, and look after your oral and overall health.

Brushing your teeth for two minutes twice a day with fluoride toothpaste is one of the most successful ways to maintain healthy teeth.

Combine this with visiting your dentist regularly and cutting down on how often you have sugary foods and drinks in your diet, and you will be helping yourself greatly.

It is also important to clean between your teeth with floss, interdental brushes or tape once a day, as brushing alone only cleans around two thirds of the mouth.

If you are concerned about your oral health contact the Dental Helpline for free, confidential and independent advice.

The helpline is staffed by fully qualified dental nurses and is available from 9am-5pm, Monday to Friday on 0845 063 1188 or via [helpline@dentalhealth.org](mailto:helpline@dentalhealth.org)

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Tofee and hazelnut pavlova is a popular dessert choice at the moment.

A fine selection of beers, including Batemans XB, Moorhouses Blonde Witch and Flowers IPA, complements the food.

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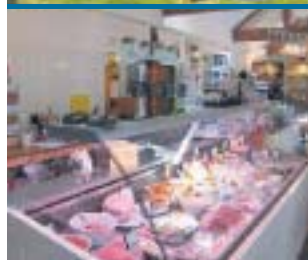


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## DAY & NIGHT

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The concert at Broadstairs Pavilion starts at 7.30pm tonight and will finish in time for guests to watch the firework display over Viking Bay.

Admission is free, but audience members should arrive early to secure a seat.

### A bite of the Big Apple

AN ASPIRING writer heads to 1920s New York in the one-man show, Small Town to Big Apple.

Greg Chapman plays a young man looking for a story in the show at the Tom Thumb Theatre in Cliftonville at 7.30pm on Friday and Saturday.

Tickets cost £8/£6. To book call 01843 221791.

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### Triple bill of comedy

A TRIO of comedians will be going for giggles at the Ramada Dover when The Comedy Club visits on Thursday.

Kevin McCarthy will be acting as MC, joined by Zoe Lyons and Stephen Grant. The over-18s show starts at 9pm. Tickets cost £12 for the comedy only or £20 including a three-course meal. To book call 01304 872843.

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### Take tea with mayor

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# Joe king of the art of silliness

## JOE PASQUALE

Friday, August 6, Winter Gardens, Margate



THE King of the Jungle is ready to drive you wild with his latest show full of comedy and calamities.

Joe Pasquale continues his personal quest to make holidaymakers laugh by taking his new show to seaside towns around the country. Just Joe is his latest collection of comic capers, slightly duff magic and Pasquale's trademark silliness, designed to get audiences giggling, whatever the British summer weather.

Last year's fast-paced show featured a motorised toilet, so fans can look forward to another evening of wacky props and goofy gags. Pasquale's latest gadgets can be as unpredictable as his humour and could be one reason why the comedian has won an increasing student following.

Born in Essex, Pasquale harboured early desires to become an actor, but he could not afford to go to drama school. So he tried to get into show business another way, by becoming a bingo caller and a holiday camp entertainer. He rose up the ranks to become entertainment manager at two resorts and eventually discovered his gift for comedy.

By the time Pasquale appeared on the TV talent show New Faces in 1987, he had also worked in the civil service, a Ford factory and Smithfields meat market. Achieving second place on the show meant that work as a comedian started to come in, liberating Pasquale from some of his less enjoyable jobs.

When Pasquale really hit the big time, his first video sold in huge numbers and he became a popular television personality. His distinctive high-pitched voice has only added to his endearing persona and along with his comedy work, he also became a successful game show host.

Although he was already a popular and well-known comic, Pasquale's career received a further boost when he appeared on the ITV reality show I'm a Celebrity...Get Me Out of Here! in 2004.

The bookies' favourite from the start, Pasquale did not disappoint viewers with his charming nature and good sense of humour, which even held during the most tortuous Bush Tucker tasks. While other celebrities complained about the primitive jungle conditions, Pasquale's quips consistently won the viewers' votes.

In the final stages, he saw off competition from former royal butler Paul Burrell to be crowned King of the Jungle.

His experiences in the jungle had more far-reaching consequences than anyone might have expected. One of the Bush Tucker Trials involved dangling from a helicopter in mid-air, while trying to obtain stars to win meals for his fellow contestants. This hair-raising ordeal actually helped Pasquale overcome his fear of flying and he went on to gain his pilot's licence



after taking lessons at Rochester Airport.

Despite his enormous success as a comedian, Pasquale has still managed to follow his dream of becoming an actor. His stage projects have included numerous pantomimes and he appeared in the West End production of The Producers.

His unforgettable voice has also been heard in animations such as Hollywood movie

Horton Hears A Who! with Jim Carrey and CBBC's Frankenstein's Cat. Pasquale has also appeared as the Scarecrow in a touring production of The Wizard of Oz.

The show starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £16.50, concessions available for Friends of the Winter Gardens. To book call the box office on 01843 292795/296111 or go online at [www.margatewintergardens.co.uk](http://www.margatewintergardens.co.uk).





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For more information call 01227 784600 or see the website at [www.canterburytales.org.uk](http://www.canterburytales.org.uk).

## WIDOWER'S HOUSES

Thursday, July 29, Saturday, July 31, and Sunday, August 1  
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The first play in the Sarah Thorne Summer Repertory Season explores the Victorian money-making system and the ways in which money can interfere with love and romance. Directed by Michael Friend, the play has been performed for nearly 120 years.

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On their return to London, Harry is horrified to discover that Blanche's father is the landlord of slum housing. He orders Blanche to refuse her father's money once they are married, but his principles are soon put to the test when he discovers where his own meagre income is coming from.

Tickets cost £10.50 for Sarah Thorne Theatre Club members and £12.50 for non-members, who must book at least 24 hours in advance, call 0845 262 6263 or email [info@sarahthorne-theatreclub.co.uk](mailto:info@sarahthorne-theatreclub.co.uk).



## ALICE IN WONDERLAND

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Some of the most exciting elements of the show include the 'rabbit hole' entrance which guides audiences to their seats and the mysterious, disappearing Cheshire Cat. The voice of the cat is provided by former Meridian TV reporter, Jeff Moody.

Derek Colley's adaptation of the much-loved stories includes many of Wonderland's most popular residents. For this production, a slightly older Alice will guide the audience through the story and there are plenty of surprises in store.

Tickets cost £7/£5 on Friday and £7 on Saturday. To avoid disappointment, buy tickets in advance from the Post Office or the Flying Horse in Smarden or alternatively call 01233 770557.



## UNDER SIEGE

Saturday, July 31, and Sunday, August 1  
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Hubert De Burgh will lead King John's defence from the Great Tower, where visitors can meet the colourful King's household and find out what life was like under siege.

To find out more visit the website at [www.english-heritage.org.uk/dovercastle](http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/dovercastle).



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## MARGATE CARNIVAL SOUL WEEKEND

Saturday, July 31, and Sunday, August 1, The Piazza, Margate

CHILL out and relax as Margate Carnival Soul Weekend returns with some truly great performers.

The carnival will also feature an array of colourful family rides, along with a tasty Caribbean barbecue.

Sunday's music programme will be headlined by West Coast Soul Stars, who perform ahead of the release of their new single, *Show Me Love*, featuring Eli and Janine. In September, they will be supporting 80s funk band Chic at the Indigo2, so soul fans should not miss the chance to see these rising stars in action.

The award-winning R&B artist Junior Giscombe will also be performing, along with former Hi Tension member, David Joseph. Giscombe was a pop force during the 80s when he had hits with *Mama Used To Say* and *Too Late*. He duetted with Kim Wilde on *Another Step* (*Closer To You*) and went on to write songs for artists like Sheena Easton.

The free entertainment starts at 3pm on Saturday and 2pm on Sunday. The carnival procession starts from Westgate at 3pm on Sunday. For more details visit [www.westcoastlive.co.uk](http://www.westcoastlive.co.uk).





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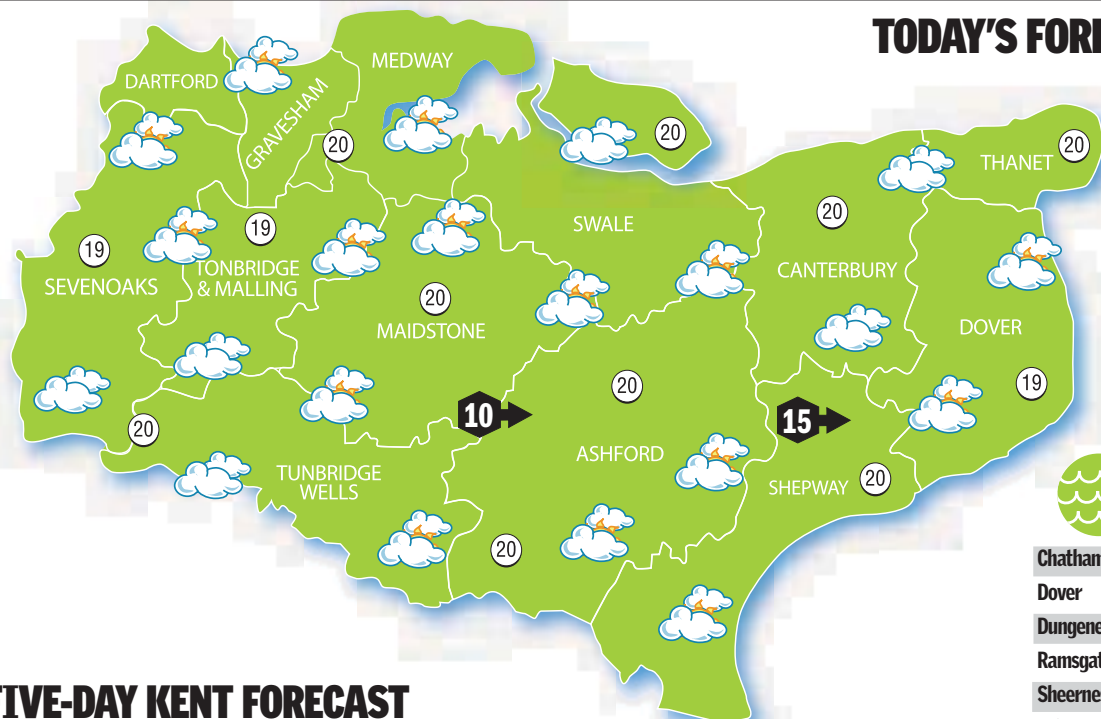
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Beijing	31°C	Rome	28°C
Bombay	28°C	Sydney	15°C
Cape Town	15°C	Tenerife	24°C
Cardiff	22°C	Tokyo	32°C
Gibraltar	26°C	Vancouver	20°C
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Las Palmas	26°C	Wellington	10°C



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Chatham	Saturday	4:38pm 5.8m	Sunday	5:11pm 5.6m
Dover	Saturday	2:54pm 6.3m	Sunday	3:21pm 6.2m
Dungeness	Saturday	2:53pm 7.3m	Sunday	3:26pm 7.2m
Ramsgate	Saturday	3:24pm 4.8m	Sunday	3:51pm 4.7m
Sheerness	Saturday	4:28pm 5.5m	Sunday	5:00pm 5.4m
Whitstable	Saturday	4:39pm 5.2m	Sunday	5:08pm 5.1m

## FIVE-DAY KENT FORECAST

	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
Ashford	22°C	21°C	21°C	21°C	21°C
Canterbury	22°C	20°C	21°C	20°C	21°C
Chatham	20°C	20°C	20°C	21°C	21°C
Dartford	25°C	21°C	22°C	22°C	21°C

Dover	20°C	19°C	19°C	18°C	18°C	Gravesend	25°C	21°C	22°C	22°C	21°C
Faversham	20°C	20°C	20°C	21°C	21°C	Maidstone	23°C	21°C	21°C	21°C	21°C
Folkestone	20°C	19°C	19°C	18°C	18°C	Ramsgate	22°C	20°C	21°C	20°C	21°C
Gillingham	20°C	20°C	20°C	21°C	21°C	Rochester	20°C	20°C	20°C	21°C	21°C
Sevenoaks	22°C	20°C	20°C	20°C	19°C	Sittingbourne	20°C	20°C	20°C	21°C	21°C
Tonbridge	22°C	21°C	21°C	20°C	20°C	Tun Wells	22°C	21°C	21°C	20°C	20°C

	SUNRISE	5.12am		SUNSET	8.51pm
	MOONRISE	9.23pm		MOONSET	7.51am



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# After years of bit-part roles Justin proves he's not on The Rebound

■ BY SUSAN GRIFFIN

TWELVE years ago he was playing roles that didn't even appear on the movie's closing credits. But now, Justin Bartha – aka the anonymous clubgoer in the 1998 disco film 54 – has reached leading man status with his latest movie *The Rebound*.

Along the way there have been hits (*National Treasure*, *The Hangover*) and misses (*Gigli*), but 32-year-old Bartha says he feels “extremely grateful for all the great things that have happened”.

The first of his family to forge a career in acting, started out in high-school plays and doing community theatre, before training at university in New York only to find himself “bumming around trying to get a job”.

That first job was behind the camera, as a production assistant on *Analyze This* in 1999. Later that year, he made his professional acting debut in a short film called *Tag*. A few quiet years followed before he joined the then couple-du-jour Ben Affleck and Jennifer Lopez in the universally panned *Gigli* in 2003. Then a year later, he finally got his big break as the comedic computer whiz Riley Poole in the *National Treasure* films.

In romantic comedy *The Rebound* Bartha plays Aram Finkelstein, a directionless 24-year-old who becomes a nanny for Sandy, the perfect suburban wife, played by Catherine Zeta Jones, who's just discovered her husband has been having an affair. The pair embark on a relationship that goes swimmingly until reality rears its ugly head.

“It's a really great romantic comedy and something everyone can enjoy,” says Bartha.

“It's a New York love story where Catherine and myself have just got out of bad relationships but find it's the wrong time to explore theirs because of their ages and where they



**THE SENSITIVE TYPE:** Justin Bartha plays children's nanny Aram Finkelstein in the romantic comedy *The Rebound*

are in their life.”

Written and directed by Julianne Moore's husband Bart Freundlich, Aram's optimistic and romantic stance on life makes him a refreshingly sympathetic male character.

“Aram is a nice guy and there's some role reversal in the movie,” says Bartha. “You're so used to seeing men in movies being aggressive idiots who are only looking for sex. Aram is a sensitive man and that's really interesting. He's almost too sensitive.”

But, despite Bartha's eagerness, it was to be a few years before he was cast.

Director Freundlich has since explained that

he needed to explore a wide range of people to be sure Bartha was the right choice – and Bartha readily admits he thought he wouldn't get the role after hearing Catherine Zeta Jones had been cast as Sandy.

As for working with our home-grown star, Bartha's nothing short of gushing. “She's fantastic. Who doesn't like her?”

It's lucky they got along, as the pair share an intimate moment on a sofa before being interrupted by Sandy's son.

“It's very awkward doing those scenes,” he laughs. “In that scene I have to fall off this couch and kept scraping my chest, so by the

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end of the day I had this rash on it. It was very ‘not sexy’.

Another scene that creates a big laugh happens when Aram takes Sandy on a date to see his best friend's amateur dramatic showcase, which turns out to consist of 46 theatrical scenes – with no interval.

“What's funny is that it seems like such a comedy scene but acting workshops really are like that,” he says. “I've been to tons of them.”

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**WATCHING THE DETECTIVE:** Benedict Cumberbatch and Martin Freeman



## YOUR TV REVIEW

**SHERLOCK:** BBC One, 9pm, Sunday **FIFTH GEAR:** Five, 7.30pm, Thursday

WITH autumn approaching, the schedules will soon be full of new shows hoping to grab your attention for the remainder of the year.

*Sherlock* is the BBC's highest-profile effort.

Whether or not the decision to bring *Sherlock Holmes* back was based on the success of the recent film is not something I can enlighten you on, but it's an interesting point.

Curiosity in the character has no doubt been revived due to Guy Ritchie's film adaptation, but rather than set this in days past it has been dragged kicking and screaming into the present day.

Holmes is now a man who surfs the net and has Dr Watson on speed-dial.

There's a fantastic iPhone application that lets you download a whole collection of the Sir Arthur Conan

■ BY TOM BETTS

Doyle-penned *Holmes* books for free, so I took a look earlier this year.

Holmes is really not the straight-laced deer-stalker-wearing square he is often played as.

In fact he is a much spikier pedant than you would think, so choosing the angular Benedict Cumberbatch as the man to play the super-sleuth could turn out to be a good move.

Meanwhile, Martin Freeman steps into faithful companion Dr Watson's shoes.

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AS *Top Gear* grows ever more fanciful and has less to do with motoring

with each passing episode, the driver who is actually interested in cars would be forgiven for switching to *Fifth Gear* instead.

This is not the new kid on the block, and has actually been around since 2002, but adheres more to the style of old *Top Gear*, rather than the re-launched ego fest of Clarkson, May and Hammond.

This show actually road tests cars the average man may actually one day have a chance of driving, and touches more on the issues that concern your average motorist.

It is probably not as funny or entertaining as *Top Gear*, but copying the old format of its rival (old TG presenters Tiff Needell and Vicky Butler-Henderson are employed here), which looked like a dumb move in the early days, has actually turned out to be its biggest strength.



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# yourmusic

## Home-grown acts create a great day



**ROCK ON:** Coronal were one of many great acts at Create Music Festival

■ BY DOMINIC GREENWOOD

OFFERING everything from cheesy covers to crashing guitars, Create Music Festival kept thousands entertained in Ashford's Victoria Park on Sunday.

With an incredible 11,000 people through the gate, Create has become the county's leading free festival, a feat made all the more impressive by the fact that nearly every band on the line-up was home-grown.

The festival boasted extra stages this year with an acoustic tent, a dance tent and the Right Track Music stage for younger bands.

For the first time it also offered a bar, and as the threatened rain held off many enjoyed a cold beer in the sun in front of the main stage.

Many of Kent's best-known acts made an appearance, many of which have already enjoyed a busy festival season.

Luke Jackson, a singer-songwriter whose talents belie his years, and 'unhinged' folk act Los Salvadores have both already played sets at Canterbury's Lounge on the Farm, and both put in a spirited performance at Create on the acoustic and main stage respectively.

Other highlights included Ashford metal band Coronal, whose charismatic frontman succeeded in firing up the crowd throughout the band's brutal half-hour set.

Many acts peppered their sets with covers, which was appreciated by those looking for a hint of familiarity.

Five Floors Up were particularly good in this respect, and headliners Green Date, a convincing Green Day tribute band, rounded off the event with an effective trawl through the Californian three-piece's back catalogue.

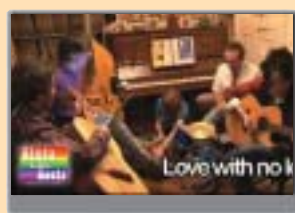
Organiser Chris Dixon from Ashford council said: "Create 2010 has been phenomenal, and no doubt the best yet. It is amazing what can be achieved when local talent, audiences, event

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**MUSIC FESTIVAL:** A montage from this year's Lounge on the Farm



**BAND PRACTICE:** Zinta Egle and her band play Love With No Love



### TOP FIVE KENT GIGS

- 1 Craig Sheridan - Times Change (from Deal)
- 2 Shelta - We Can Make It (from Bexley)
- 3 Ron Bowdery - The Return of Alfred E (from New Eltham)
- 4 Cristlefridge - Unbreakable (from Whitstable)
- 5 Stereotype - Invaders Must Die (from Deal)

organisers, local businesses and local sponsors all work together to deliver something as positive as this for our community - Ashford can be very proud of itself this week.

"After every Create, you always feel so exhausted you can never think of running another, but after seeing so many smiling faces and families getting together today I can safely say Create will be back for July 2011."



**HIGH OLD TIME:** Kitzbühel in the Austrian Tyrol has an adventurous side away from its more well-known skiing and snowboarding activities

## yourgetaways

# Adventurous pursuits on offer in the Austrian Tyrol

■ BY RICHARD JONES

WHILE glitzy Kitzbühel's infrastructure is perfectly prepared for the deluge of skiers and snowboarders, there is a very different feel to the area come summer.

When the hedonism and intensity of the ski season has melted away, visitors relish the gorgeous scenery and, even better, try the variety of adventurous pursuits on offer in the area.

I began my four-day break on the Saturday evening, and checked into what would be my base for the trip - the four-star Hotel Jägerwirt, run by the same family for four generations.

The first dinner for our 10-strong group was a hearty combination of lamb, potato gratin and spinach, before a nightcap at Flannigan's, the local Irish bar.

Next morning, the minibus whisked us off to the Mountain High centre in Kirchdorf - to be measured for wetsuits, life jackets and helmets for our first activity - the family rafting.

Our time in the 12ft x 6ft raft was great fun, and the highlight was jumping out of the vessel to float down through the rapids on our backs, before climbing out and jumping from a cliff face into a plunge pool.

The rafting course took us into a part of Germany for a short while, through the wildly romantic Klobenstein Canyon, until the minibus came to collect our equipment and return us back to Mountain High.

After lunch, we took the five-minute walk from the hotel to the Mountain Edge bike centre.

Our guide Rob provided helmets, gloves and bikes, before leading us

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<b>Time difference</b>	+Two hours (GMT)
<b>Capital</b>	Vienna
<b>Language</b>	German
<b>Population</b>	8,350,000
<b>Currency</b>	Euro
<b>Climate</b>	Temperate

Richard Jones was a guest of Crystal Lakes & Mountains, which offers seven nights' half-board at Hotel Jägerwirt in Kitzbühel from £639. Thomson Lakes has an Austrian Adventure package based on the Mountain High Adventure Centre, Kirchdorf, from £645, including flights ex-Gatwick, transfers, and seven nights' half-board accommodation.



on a specially tailored ride to the lake at Schwarzsee, a haven for local holidaymakers on this particular weekend - a Tyrolean bank holiday with the sun shining.

There was an Italian buffet at the Jägerwirt on Sunday night, while Monday morning promised our third activity of the week - canyoning. This was not for the faint-hearted, and four of our group backed out when peering over the edge of the gorge.

But those of us who stuck with it were rewarded with an hour of sheer excitement involving slithering down rockslides carved into the rock, jumping into frothing plunge pools, hanging from cliff faces, and floating down through ice-cold water on our backs until we reached the rest of our party at the base.

After the adrenaline rush of the morning, it was time for a gentle

three-hour walk through farms, forests and flowery meadows and up to a waterfall on the south side of the Kitzbüheler Horn, which offered us excellent views across the town.

After a dinner of Wiener Schnitzel, a few of us embarked on a night out in Kitz, stumbling from the town's main nightspot, The Londoner bar - jam-packed to the rafters during ski season - in the early hours.

There were sore heads next day as we tried Canadian canoeing. Though the canoes were safe and stable, steering them proved difficult and we had countless collisions with the rocky banks and capsizes galore.

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The farmers' buffet at the Jägerwirt was the perfect way to round off our week in Austria.



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## PROPERTY NEWS

### First-time buyers key to getting market moving

HOUSE prices fell last month, with Halifax's house price index showing a 0.6 per cent drop and the LSL/Acadameetrics index showing prices decreasing by 0.5 per cent.

But LSL/Acadameetrics reports a 7.7 per cent year-on-year rise in prices, with Halifax showing a 6.3 per cent rise.

Analysts say the average property price in England and Wales is £218,119.

Martin Ellis, housing economist at Halifax, said: "The June price fall continued the trend of a slowdown seen since the beginning of this year, following a moderate recovery in 2009. This pattern is in line with our view that prices will remain pretty much unchanged this year."

LSL/Acadameetrics also reveals a 20 per cent jump in the number of properties sold to 63,500 in June – up from 52,975 in May.

David Brown, commercial director at LSL Property Services, says the key to a market recovery lies with first-time buyers. But he adds: "We can't discount further prices falls in the next few months as the market continues to stabilise."

And Peter Williams, chairman of Acadameetrics, says traditionally the number of houses sold in June is higher than in May.

He said: "This year sales in May were abnormally low, possibly owing to uncertainty as a consequence of the election."

### Study shows seven-year low for mortgage rates

MORTGAGE rates are at their lowest for seven years, according to new research.

The study by Moneyfacts.co.uk found the average interest-rate on a two-year fixed rate mortgage is 4.52 per cent the lowest since September 2003.

Interest rates on fixed rate mortgages have been dropping since September last year, as lenders attempt to entice borrowers away from low standard variable rates (SVRs).

"Many borrowers are opting to remain on record low SVRs and overpaying their mortgage rather than secure a new deal at a higher rate," said Michelle Slade, Moneyfacts.co.uk spokesperson.

"Lenders are trying to persuade borrowers onto new fixed rate deals by making significant cuts to rates."

"Previously, only deals for borrowers with large deposits were seeing cuts, but as the market improves borrowers with smaller deposits are being offered more competitive deals too."



# Landlords facing mortgage woes if interest rate rises

■ BY NICK AMES

FOUR out of ten landlords reckon they would not be able to cover the mortgage payments on their properties if interest rates increase by two per cent.

A fortnight ago the Bank of England held the base rate at 0.5 per cent for the 16th consecutive month, which is just as well as according to a poll by flat share website Spareroom.co.uk, who discovered four out of ten UK landlords are receiving rents barely covering the monthly mortgage repayments on their properties.

For 22 per cent of respondents, a rate rise of just one per cent would mean the sums don't add up, and for ten per cent of landlords questioned the situation is far worse, with a rate rise of just 0.5 per cent resulting in a rent-mortgage shortfall.

The research also revealed that six out of ten landlords have been forced to hike monthly rents since the start of the year, with one in five planning to increase rents by five per cent this year, and 18 per cent factoring in an increase of between three and five per cent.

However, more than half of these landlords said they are worried that they could lose loyal and valuable tenants as a result.

Spareroom.co.uk director Matt Hutchinson describes Britain's landlords in a catch-22 situation.

He said: "On the one hand the rise in Capital Gains Tax for higher rate taxpayers means that many landlords either won't be able to sell their buy-to-let properties full-stop or will sell at a far greater loss. "At the same time, holding onto their properties means they are



**BALANCING ACT:** Many UK landlords would face a rent-mortgage shortfall if the interest rate rose by two per cent

at the mercy of the Bank of England and facing higher mortgage payments."

Some landlords have also expressed confusion over the concept of 'fair wear and tear' which has prompted tenancy deposit protection scheme, mydeposits.co.uk, to create a guide for landlords offering advice on how to make a sound judgement call at the end of a tenancy period.

As there are no hard and fast rules on what is reasonable for wear and tear the new guide

aims to help landlords weigh up the different factors involved in the decision-making process.

A number of areas, from the length of the tenancy period to the occupants themselves and the difference between wear and tear and damage, are explored.

The guide also highlights the importance of communication between landlord and tenant, particularly at the outset of the tenancy, when the landlord can set expectations of the tenants and the final condition of the property.

## Energy-efficient homes to miss stamp penalty



HOMEOWNERS are being advised to make their homes more energy efficient before putting them on the market if proposed stamp duty penalties come into force.

Ministers are examining introducing an increase in stamp duty for homes which fall into the lowest efficiency bands.

According to one home energy expert, buyers could be put off purchasing homes with poor energy efficiency to avoid paying an extra 0.5 per cent on top of their stamp duty bill.

Marc Blomfield, managing director of The National EPC Company, a leading provider of Energy

Performance Certificates (EPCs) said: "Millions of homes with poor insulation, draughty windows and inefficient boilers could be subject to the stamp duty penalty, potentially putting off buyers."

"Despite scrapping home information packs, the Government has signalled its intention to increase household energy efficiency by retaining the EPC as a required marketing tool."

"The stamp duty penalty would be a further incentive for homeowners to make energy saving improvements to their homes and would be a part of the proposed Green Deal initiative, which includes measures to help

homeowners pay for efficiency improvements."

The stamp duty penalty suggestion was included in a report commissioned by former Chancellor Alastair Darling and could be tied in with a package of energy saving incentives.

Marc Blomfield added: "The Government is committed to reducing carbon dioxide emissions and sees households as the major target. More than 40 per cent of the UK's CO2 emissions result from choices people make as individuals, with the majority coming from the home."

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## CRICKET

BY DAVID PRITCHARD

## Kent League Division One

## Whitstable 1st XI v Sandwich Town 1st XI

THE Division One title race took a twist at the Belmont on Saturday as Whitstable's promotion hopes receded with a seven-wicket defeat to rivals Sandwich Town.

The result did not end the home side's chances of reaching the top flight, but with 23 points between them and second-placed Sandwich, they need a very strong finish to the campaign.

Sandwich skipper Matthew van Poppel's decision to bowl after winning the toss immediately paid dividends as openers Max Campbell and Seth Simmons fell to Craig Spanton cheaply.

Whitstable patiently batted their way back into the game. Sam Denly (74) and James Loader (65) shared a stand of 106 for the fourth wicket, although neither could score quickly enough to set up a big total. A flurry of wickets fell late on in an effort to accelerate the innings, but they could only reach 199 for 7 from their 50 overs.

Sandwich have become adept at chasing totals this season and they again impressed. They did not have it all their own way as Whitstable made a good start, with Max Campbell taking two early wickets.

The visitors then took over. Craig Snell (51) and Vishaul Singh (74 not out) batted well to ease Sandwich into a position of control until the former was out caught off Jack Crouch.

The wicket proved a mixed blessing for Whitstable, as Snell was replaced by Oliver Robinson. The number five was in a destructive mood and proceeded to smash 54 off just 28 deliveries to bring up the victory after just 31 overs.

Whitstable, who slipped to fifth as a result, visit league leaders Sibton Park on Saturday.

# Shock defeat blow to Whitstable's title hopes



DAMAGING: Whitstable (batting) slipped to a costly defeat against fellow promotion hopefuls Sandwich Town

## SCORE CARD

## Whitstable 1st XI

	Runs			
Max Campbell	lbw	b Spanton	.....	1
Seth Simmons	b Spanton	.....		2
Sam Denly	ct van Poppel	b Spanton	.....	74
David Draper	st Lawrence	b Amos	.....	17
James Loader	run out	.....		65
Amadou Ainscough	b Amos	.....		2
James Mills	st Lawrence	b van Poppel	.....	15
Michael Seager	not out	.....		1
Jack Crouch	did not bat	.....		
Josh Gould	did not bat	.....		
Duncan Hardy	did not bat	.....		

Extras (8b 5lb 9w)	.....	22
Total (7 wickets, 50 overs)	.....	199

Bowlers				
	O	M	R	W
Craig Spanton	13	0	56	3
Tom Chapman	7	3	21	0
Matthew van Poppel	15	1	61	1
Alan Amos	15	2	48	2

## Sandwich Town 1st XI

	Runs			
Craig Snell	ct Draper	b Crouch	.....	51
David Scoggins	ct Draper	b Campbell	.....	13
Robert Goatham	ct Denly	b Campbell	.....	4
Vishaul Singh	not out	.....		74
Oliver Robinson	not out	.....		54
Matthew van Poppel	did not bat	.....		
Alan Amos	did not bat	.....		
Craig Spanton	did not bat	.....		
Gavin Lawrence	did not bat	.....		
Stuart Smith	did not bat	.....		
Tom Chapman	did not bat	.....		

Extras (2lb 2w)	.....	4
Total (3 wickets, 31 overs)	.....	200

Bowlers				
	O	M	R	W
James Mills	6.2	0	47	0
Max Campbell	8	0	53	2
Duncan Hardy	5	0	25	0
Josh Gould	7	0	42	0
Jack Crouch	4	0	31	1

## LOCAL CRICKET ROUND-UP

## KENT LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

## Canterbury 1st XI v Ashford Town 1st XI

CANTERBURY were dragged back into the battle against relegation after losing to Ashford Town by five wickets.

After winning the toss the hosts made a decent start after losing Neil Kimberley cheaply. Paul Steer looked in good touch, but none of his team-mates could stay with him for long. His 88 not out was crucial to give the Canterbury bowlers a total to defend.

Ashford, not without relegation concerns themselves, lost two early wickets before Simon Taylor (56) and Luke Reeves (46 not out) provided the spine to a successful run chase.

## Canterbury 1st XI

	Runs			
Neil Kimberley	ct Sutton	b Taylor	.....	7
Luke Samarasinghe	ct Kennett	b Ealham	.....	20
Paul Steer	not out	.....		88
Daniel Dolman	ct Kennett	b Taylor	.....	14
Simon Smith	ct McAlister	b Buckham	.....	14
Ryan Minter	st McAlister	b Buckham	.....	15
Justin Macvicar	c&b Buckham	.....		2
Tim Wren	lbw	b Tegg	.....	0
Stuart Drakeley	ct Taylor	b Buckham	.....	3
Josh Staunton	not out	.....		1
Ben Cooper	did not bat	.....		
Extras	(10b 1lb 6w)	.....		17
Total	(8 wickets, 50 overs)	.....		181

Bowlers				
	O	M	R	W
Simon Taylor	15	8	23	2
Ben Ealham	12	2	40	1
Liam Tegg	12	0	51	1
Craig Buckham	11	1	56	4

## Ashford Town 1st XI

	Runs			
Simon Taylor	ct Staunton	b Minter	.....	56
Liam Tegg	ct Staunton	b Minter	.....	13
Kyle McAlister	ct Staunton	b Macvicar	.....	4
Gary Sutton	ct Staunton	b Wren	.....	28
Luke Reeves	not out	.....		46
Peter Shields	b Wren	.....		18
Sam Kennett	not out	.....		4
Craig Buckham	did not bat	.....		
Alex Boatfield	did not bat	.....		
Ben Ealham	did not bat	.....		
James Rodway	did not bat	.....		
Extras	(4b 7lb 3w 2nb)	.....		16
Total	(5 wickets, 48 overs)	.....		185

Bowlers				
	O	M	R	W
Ryan Minter	13	3	50	2
Justin Macvicar	10	1	34	1
Tim Wren	14	3	38	2
Ben Cooper	9	0	40	0
Stuart Drakeley	2	0	12	0

## KENT LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

## 2ND XI

## Sandwich Town 2nd XI v St Lawrence &amp; Highland Court 2nd XI

ST LAWRENCE & Highland Court 2nds went top of the table after scraping to a one-wicket victory against promotion rivals Sandwich Town 2nds.

A half-century from Scott Blakman got the hosts away to a decent start, before Sam Ireland (3 for 48) and Matthew Feeney (3 for 45) hindered their progress.

Chasing exactly 200 for victory, St Lawrence made an uncertain start when three batsmen were quickly dismissed by Liam Evans. Paul Reynolds (49) and Rohan Premnath (43) got them back on track, but they needed precious runs from the tail to finally get over the line.

## Sandwich Town 2nd XI

	Runs			
Scott Blakman	st Copesteake	b Ireland	.....	50
Lawrence Mills	ct Premnath	b Pickard	.....	37
John Ewart	ct Reynolds	b Feeney	.....	5
Tamsin Beaumont	st Copesteake	b Ireland	.....	8
Rhys Jones	ct Copesteake	b Feeney	.....	19
James Bolt	b Ireland	.....		7
Kevin Beaumont	not out	.....		21
Liam Evans	run out	.....		6
Dan Cook	b Feeney	.....		12
Jack Bradley	run out	.....		3
Colin Aldred	did not bat	.....		
Extras	(13b 9lb 7w 2nb)	.....		31
Total	(9 wickets, 50 overs)	.....		199

Bowlers				
	O	M	R	W
Luke Rumbelow	5	1	11	0
Hugo Snape	5	1	22	1
Matthew Pickard	5	0	24	1
Jack Balsdon	5	0	27	1
Sam Ireland	15	3	48	3
Matthew Feeney	15	2	45	3

## St Lawrence &amp; Highland Court 2nd XI

	Runs			
Paul Reynolds	ct Bolt	b Cook	.....	49
Ben Pape	b Evans	.....		7
Simon Chittim	b Evans	.....		1
Sam Ireland	ct Beaumont	b Cook	.....	5
Rohan Premnath	st Beaumont	b Cook	.....	43
Nick Copesteake	ct Evans	b Aldred	.....	29
Matthew Feeney	b Aldred	.....		6
Jack Balsdon	not out	.....		14
Hugo Snape	ct Cook	b Evans	.....	24
Luke Rumbelow	ct Cook	b Bradley	.....	0
Matthew Pickard	not out	.....		0
Extras	(1b 8lb 13w)	.....		22
Total	(9 wickets, 46 overs)	.....		200

Bowlers				
	O	M	R	W
Liam Evans	9	1	46	4
Jack Bradley	9	2	25	1
Dan Cook	15	1	56	2
Kevin Beaumont	3	0	19	0
Colin Aldred	10	0	45	2

## KENT LEAGUE DIVISION THREE

## Chestfield 1st XI v Old Colfeians 1st XI

A FIVE-WICKET haul for Simon Buckingham helped set up a 46-run victory which breathed new life into Chestfield's hopes of escaping relegation.

Batting first, the home side's batsmen all hung around long enough to make a contribution. Only Chris Watson (47) and Buckingham (40) converted their good starts into an innings of any substance as Chestfield set Old Colfeians 206 for victory.

The visitors made a reasonable start but could not match their opponents' consistency. Buckingham finished with 5 for 31 as Chestfield moved within 17 points of safety.

## Chestfield 1st XI

	Runs			
Arthur Boyd	lbw	b Bahra	.....	16
Joshua Lock	ct Gardham	b Bahra	.....	15
Chris Watson	lbw	b Khan	.....	47
Michael Ralphs	b Kelleher	.....		19
Paul Gibson	ct Handley	b Khan	.....	11
Shane Moody-Smith	b Khan	.....		20
Simon Buckingham	ct Begg	b Humm	.....	40
Axel Zerf	ct Begg	b Humm	.....	6
Stephen Lewis	lbw	b Khan	.....	0
Stephen Cox	not out	.....		9
Richard Tolson	not out	.....		9
Extras	(3b 3lb 4w 3nb)	.....		13
Total	(9 wickets, 50 overs)	.....		205

Bowlers				
	O	M	R	W
Irfan Begg	7	1	25	0
Aj Bahra	10	1	31	2
Jack Kelleher	9	0	31	1
Yavar Khan	15	0	60	4
Russell Humm	9	0	52	2

## Old Colfeians 1st XI

	Runs			
Yavar Khan	b Tolson	.....		16
Mark Handley	ct Ralphs	b Buckingham	.....	40
Richard Harmer	ct Gibson	b Lewis	.....	5
Kunal Handwani	ct Moody-Smith	b Lock	.....	48
Manjeet Bahra	ct Moody-Smith	b Buckingham	.....	17
Irfan Begg	lbw	b Buckingham	.....	5
Stephen Lee	lbw	b Buckingham	.....	7
Jack Kelleher	lbw	b Lock	.....	1
Richard Gardham	lbw	b Boyd	.....	7
Aj Bahra	lbw	b Buckingham	.....	3
Russell Humm	not out	.....		1
Extras	(5b 1lb 3w)	.....		9
Total	(all out, 48 overs)	.....		159

Bowlers				
	O	M	R	W
Stephen Lewis	12	1	50	1
Richard Tolson	12	2	39	1
Joshua Lock	11	3	32	2
Simon Buckingham	12	2	31	5
Arthur Boyd	1	0	1	1

## KENT LEAGUE PREMIER 2ND XI

## The Mote 2nd XI v Whitstable 2nd XI

TOM Richardson claimed a final ball run out as Whitstable 2nds beat The Mote 2nds by two runs in a thrilling finish.

Batting first, Whitstable steadily built a competitive score. Richardson fell two short of a half-century, but Stuart Clements (84) and Jamie Watkins (72) put on 140 for the third wicket as the visitors reached 262 for 5 from their 50 overs.

The Mote's reply was lit up by Glen Aukett's 73 from 71 balls, and despite losing wickets there was still a chance off the final ball, but Richardson ran out James Rowe to clinch victory.

## Whitstable 2nd XI

	Runs			
Tom Richardson	ct Coles	b Field	.....	48
Byron Gould	ct De Lucy	b Afmat	.....	17
Stuart Clements	b Jackson	.....		84
Jamie Watkins	ct Jackson	b Afmat	.....	72
John Butterworth	not out	.....		7
Jonathan Sargent	b Afmat	.....		0
Andy Robertson	not out	.....		6
Alex Brunetti-Leach	did not bat	.....		
Adam Cruttenden	did not bat	.....		
Jack Mills	did not bat	.....		
Aaron Garvey	did not bat	.....		
Extras	(7b 4lb 13w 4nb)	.....		28
Total	(5 wickets, 50 overs)	.....		262

Bowlers				
	O	M	R	W
James Rowe	6	1	23	0
Arifullah Afmat	14	0	59	3
Ed De Lucy	12	1	46	0
Jack Field	4	0	34	1
Simon Higgins	4	0	20	0
Warren Jackson	10	0	69	1

## The Mote 2nd XI

	Runs			
Peter Bowles	c&b Butterworth	.....		26
Nick Waite	b Robertson	.....		13
Ed De Lucy	ct Gould	b Butterworth	.....	32
Glen Aukett	c&b Gould	.....		73
Richard Bradstock	ct Robertson	b Watkins	.....	39
Simon Higgins	c&b Robertson	.....		13
Warren Jackson	run out	.....		15
Jack Field	lbw	b Robertson	.....	0
Chris Coles	ct Butterworth	b Butterworth	.....	7
James Rowe	run out	.....		2
Arifullah Afmat	not out	.....		20
Extras	(10b 4lb 5w 1nb)	.....		20
Total	(all out, 50 overs)	.....		260

Bowlers				
	O	M	R	W
Andy Robertson	13	1	55	3
Jonathan Sargent	2	0	29	0
Stuart Clements	9	2	29	0
John Butterworth	8	0	56	3
Aaron Garvey	4	0	21	0
James Watkins	7	0	37	1
Byron Gould	7	1	28	1



# Coach's delight as Key eyes return after finger injury

## CRICKET

BY GLENN PEARSON

KENT skipper Rob Key is edging his way closer to a return to first-team action with head coach Paul Farbrace quietly optimistic his captain could make an appearance this week.

Key has been out of action for three weeks with a broken finger, sustained in a championship match against Hampshire at the Rose Bowl.

The 30-year-old missed the conclusion of the Friends Provident t20 campaign and last week's championship clash with Somerset, but could make a surprise return for the visit of Essex on Thursday.

Farbrace said: "He has a chance possibly of playing in the Essex game, but even then that will only be three weeks and we were told three or four weeks that he would be out.

"He is not someone that misses games unless he really has to and he is probably going to have another x-ray to see if the bone has knitted together, and once he has done that he will be able to have a hit. I don't think he will be too far away."

Having the club's influential skipper back in the side will no doubt be a major boost for Kent, whose main aim is to stay up in Division One of the LV= County Championship this

summer. Farbrace expects Key to be raring to go when he returns and believes time spent watching from the sidelines, in some respects, may have done the right-handed batsman a degree of good.

"In some ways it may be, and I wouldn't say a blessing in disguise, but it might actually turn out to work in our favour because he has had a couple of weeks break, is refreshed and has cleared his head so he can think about his game and the team," he said.

While Key is nearing a return, team-mate Robbie Joseph looks set to be out for at least a week after a recurrence of a shoulder strain.

The Antiguan-born quick bowler was out for a whole year after surgery on a dislocated shoulder, but made his comeback in the championship game against Hampshire at the Rose Bowl earlier this month. He followed that up with an appearance in the Friends Provident t20 defeat to Essex at the Brit Oval two weeks ago, but hasn't played since.

"Robbie's had a recurrence of shoulder soreness so has gone back to Canterbury for treatment and we'll decide what is the best step from there," Farbrace explained.

"He has a chance of playing in the championship game against Essex this week, but it's probably unlikely, we'll have to see where we are this week. It's not ideal, but there's not a lot we can do really.

"We were promised he would be ready for the start of the season and for the first game and obviously he wasn't. It's been a long, slow process and it's tough for everyone concerned, but we have to just get on with it."



BROKEN FINGER: Rob Key is set to return for Kent

## FOOTBALL



Picture: SIMON HARRIS

STUCK IN: Bay's Simon Brown in action on Saturday

## Halsey staying tight-lipped on identity of final transfer target

HERNE Bay's squad for the new Kent League season is almost complete after John Ralph and Jimmy Corbett signed forms in the past week.

Ralph, who impressed during a brief stay with Hythe Town last season, will provide competition at centre-half for Steve Hanson and Jamie Maxted.

Corbett, a former Gillingham and Blackburn midfielder, is working his way back to fitness and played an hour in the 3-1 defeat against Chatham Town on Saturday.

Bay boss Simon Halsey said: "Jimmy's shown great ability, we just have to get him more minutes. He's putting in as much effort as he can and has shown glimpses of what he can do."

Halsey has one more signing in mind, but is keeping his cards close to his chest for the time being. One player unlikely to be involved is Darren Marsden, who is training with Margate this week after a trial at Welling United.

The Chatham game saw the Bay manager joined in the technical area by Marc Seager, who has been out of the game since last summer.

Halsey, who was assistant to Seager at Whitstable, dismissed rumours his vacant assistant's position had been filled, but did not rule it out at some point.

He said: "Marc's doing the London Marathon next year and wants to use every opportunity to get some fitness. I'm hoping that him being around the club might give him his hunger back, but it's early days."

Bay take on Faversham at Salters Lane in the Challenge Shield on Saturday.

CLINT Gooding was on target as Whitstable Town lost 2-1 at Thamesmead Town on Saturday.

The player/assistant manager put the Oystermen in front, but a goal in each half from former Maidstone United striker Alex Tiesse secured a victory for the hosts.

Mark Lane's side were in action at Deal Town last night and face Herne Bay for the Bruce Smith Shield at the Belmont next Tuesday.



Picture: IOR KUPCO

DEFEAT: Herne Bay United (in blue/yellow) lost in the National Cup final

## Bay cup heartache

## HOCKEY

A LACKLUSTRE performance saw Herne Bay United lose the National Cup final in front of their home fans against Middlesbrough last weekend.

United pipped their opponents to the league title last month, but the Teessiders gained their revenge by winning 6-3 at the Pier on Saturday.

Brendan Barker and Joel de Figueiredo twice put the hosts in front during the first-half, but on each occasion Middlesbrough pegged them back. They went on to seal a relatively comfortable victory despite de Figueiredo capping an impressive individual performance with United's third.

Phil McVey, United's head coach, was disappointed with the manner of the performance, which also included six missed penalties.

He said: "It seemed to me from a coaching perspective that it was a case of after the Lord Mayor's Show. The players' heads weren't right for it – we gear up for the whole season say it's about the league, when we won it was mission accomplished and then we have the cup final six weeks later.

"That takes nothing away from Middlesbrough, they deserved their victory."

There was some success in the other finals, with United's under-13s beating Bury 6-3.

# City chief encouraged by support for football hub

## FOOTBALL

ONGOING negotiations by Canterbury City Council over the proposed football hub have been welcomed by Canterbury City following a meeting last week.

City chairman Tim Clark met with council officials to talk about the process. Last week the council announced they were looking into Simon Langton Grammar School for Boys as a possible location.

Development work on the original site at Ridlands Farm is on hold until the alternatives are looked into.

Once built the hub would include a permanent home for City, whose teams have been spread across Canterbury since they were reformed in 2007.

After a long period of uncertainty, Canterbury chairman was heartened by the meeting.

He said: "It's obviously good news the council have reaffirmed their commitment to a project which sees Canterbury City rehomed along with a 3G facility. Particularly in the current climate, it's certainly encouraging."

"What's important, which the council are aware of, is that we have a ground which satisfies the ground grading criteria."

City already have some links with the school. Their youth teams have been based at Simon Langton for two years, while their disability team will begin training at the site from next month.

Elsewhere the club's first-team are into



ENCOURAGED: Canterbury City chairman Tim Clark

their pre-season fixtures, losing 2-0 at Sheppey United last Thursday.

They were set for another run out last night against Kent League side Norton Sports. Their stiffest test comes this Saturday, when Ryman Premier outfit Cray Wanderers visit Hersden. Kick-off is at 2pm.

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